

THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

The democratic "fracas," as the caucus announced for Friday night has been termed, did not materialize owing to the opportune illness of Representative Richardson. After exhausting every resource in an effort to establish harmony in the ranks of his hopelessly divided party, Mr. Richardson justified the confidence which was reposed in him by his fellow democrats as a man of many resources and grew ill as the date for the caucus approached. By so doing he prevented a spectacular exhibition of the sharp antagonisms of his party and the probable development of personal animosities which would have gravely added to his difficulties as leader of the minority. The democrats say that they will surely hold their caucus at some subsequent date but little credence is placed in the statement by those who are in a position to know.

There has developed during the past few days from sources which it is impossible to trace a sentiment in favor of making partisan capital out of the Schley-Miles affair with the avowed intention of presenting to the public a democratic presidential ticket which shall contain the names of Miles and Schley. Opinion differs as to which shall be placed first. It was the intention of Representative John Levi Sheppard of Texas to bring the matter up in the shape of a resolution endorsing Schley at the Friday caucus and Mr. Sheppard says that if it proves impossible to secure a caucus of the minority to consider all that affects democratic policy he will at least secure one that will adopt his idea in regard to Schley. Mr. Sheppard's resolution would pledge the democratic members to the warmest support of Schley and a promise to vindicate him in opposition to the majority report of the court of inquiry whenever the democrats shall control a majority of the house. "Poor Schley," remarked a republican member who was standing by as Mr. Sheppard explained his plan, "if he has to wait till then his vindication won't even arrive in time to be a comfort to his great grand children."

The Miles candidacy is said to be the child of the general himself, who thinks he sees in the reprimand of the president and the fact that he aligned himself on the side of Schley an opportunity to appeal for support in his aspirations. He is not at present regarded with much favor by the democrats but there is a large number of men in that party who are ready to win with anybody that can secure the votes and they believe that a Schley-Miles combination would carry the popular vote. If they undertake, however, to relegate Miles to second place they are likely to find they have a very unobedient candidate on their hands.

So much fiction has been published in regard to the president's reprimand of Miles that it seems only fair, even at this late date, to set the matter straight, in so far as it is possible. Mr. Roosevelt did speak with considerable severity and in public but he did not show any evidence of having lost his temper and he spoke in public only because General Miles, who was very much excited, persisted in talking as soon as he entered the president's presence, instead of accepting the twice repeated invitation of the president to go into the cabinet room where they would have been alone.

The passage of the Hepburn canal bill in the house was in accordance with the program which has been previously outlined by the friends of the canal. The vote, 208 to 2, is considered an extraordinary demonstration of the popularity of the measure throughout the country. The only republican vote against the measure was cast by Mr. Loren Fletcher of Minneapolis. After the house adjourned I asked Mr. Fletcher for an expression of his reasons for voting against. "I have been on the committee which has had this matter in charge for eight years," said Mr. Fletcher, "and I have heard the estimates and the feasibility of the various routes discussed until I am thoroughly familiar with the pros and cons and I cannot in conscience vote for an enterprise the outcome of which I regard as so uncertain and which I believe will result in a fearful bar-

don to the United States. I have no doubt but that, off hand, ninety per cent. of my constituents would tell you that they were in favor of the canal, nevertheless I am confident that if I could have five minutes conversation with them they would approve my vote." In answer to a question Mr. Fletcher said: "If the bill had been amended to permit the president to build the canal along the Panama route I might have voted for it. I did vote for that amendment. Of the two the Panama route is, in my estimation, the best because it has been worked out. We would know on that route the difficulties that confronted us and the probable cost of overcoming them. There are good harbors at either end and there is a railroad. Of one thing you may be certain, if the United States engages in this enterprise there will be no repeal of the war revenue tax."

Friday witnessed an earnest effort on the part of Mr. Hopkins, chairman of the census committee to secure the passage of a bill making the census bureau a permanent affair but the measure as reported by Mr. Hopkins, was too heavy in the way of salaries and not sufficiently explicit in regard to the retention of clerks so that the able fight against the bill, led by Mr. Burkett of Nebraska, was successful and it was recommitted to the committee. Mr. Hopkins claimed that the bill would result in reducing the expense of the decennial census and would increase its efficiency. Mr. Burkett objected to the payment to the director of the bureau a salary of \$7,500 a year when the chiefs of other bureaus in the government received salaries of not more than \$4,000 or \$5,000 per annum. There are 2,700 employees in the bureau at the present time and many of them have friends on the floor of the house. It was, therefore, demanded that the bill provide for the extension of the civil service rules to include these employees. Mr. Hopkins said that by the year 1910 there would not be more than 200 clerks retained. If the bill as passed contains a provision to the effect that these clerks shall be placed under the supervision of the civil service commission it will mean that the 2,500 who will have to be dropped will have a lien on positions in other departments ahead of those persons who, having passed the civil service examination, are on the eligible list and also that they will supersede the large number of persons who, as a result of the Spanish war, have been appointed to places under the "temporary provision," but who are hoping that the president will extend the law to include them before the census bill can become a law.

Real Estate Transfers.

Mary M. Kiehnans, administratrix, to Mary Schorr, four lots, Milford borough, Nos. 870, 869, 876, 868. Consideration \$140.

C. W. Bull and Hy. T. Baker, executors, to Jacob C. Schorr, 25 acres, Dingman, part of Robert Morris. Consideration \$75.

Mary Kane and others to J. S. Ames and H. Von Frank, deed for timber on Patrick McKane tract, Lackawaxen. Consideration \$1000.

Charles B. George and wife to Francis Frank, 49 acres, Blooming Grove. Consideration \$40.

A Successful Year.

The Stroudsburg state normal has every room in its dormitories filled and a number of pupils are rooming out of the building. This has been the most prosperous year in its history.

It has had a most flattering and phenomenal growth, and easily ranks as the leading institution of its kind in the northeastern part of the state.

A new additional building will be erected the coming spring, which will give additional and dormitory rooms.

Election of Directors.

At the election for directors of the First National Bank of Milford held Tuesday it was resolved to decrease the number to seven and the following named were elected: C. O. Armstrong, A. D. Brown, P. C. Kinkel, E. W. Reid, E. Warner, J. C. Warner and H. B. Wells.

Wanted, Male.

Salesman, to represent a New York Military Jobbing Flower & Feather House, for surrounding territory, on commission. Good hustler, experience unnecessary. State references, etc. LUTHERAL BROS., 400 Broadway, New York City.

PERSONALS

Miss Ruby Weeks of New York is a guest at The Anchorage.

G. W. Babcock, the "Union Traveler," was in town Tuesday.

Vivian Struthers of New York is spending a few days in town.

Miss Happy Van Wyck has gone on a visit to Cleveland, Ohio.

John H. Cook and wife of Bushkill were in town last Saturday.

Hy. T. Baker, Esq., was in Scranton recently on business matters.

Geo. E. Horton is on a business trip this week over in Morris county, N. J.

Miss Frances C. Dingman of Dingmans Ferry called on friends here Monday.

Mrs. G. S. Garrowton of Dingmans Ferry is visiting with her daughter in New York for several days.

Fred Westbrook of Blooming Grove transacted business at the commissioners' office here Wednesday.

United States Senator M. S. Quay has returned from Florida improved in health and is again occupying his seat in the senate.

Miss Lella White, who has been visiting friends in New York for several days, returned to her home on Fourth street this week.

District Attorney D. M. Van Anken, who for some time has been visiting in New York and while absent was confined with a severe cold, is able to be out again.

Dr. H. B. Reed was in the city this week having some attention given to the operation which was performed some time since, which though successful was not in a perfectly satisfactory condition.

Woman As a Political Factor.

The newspapers are discussing with a good deal of earnestness the value of women in political campaigns. Many of the journals which are opposed to woman suffrage do not hesitate to praise the women and tell them how they contribute to the success of municipal reform by their addresses and other political labors. But these papers are simply putting weapons into the hands of the suffragists. It will not be long before the ladies will be satisfied with doing much of the hard work and at the same time be denied the privileges of citizens.

If women may raise the sinews of war, make speeches, drum up the derelict on election day, all the horrible talk of the "antis" about the women going into politics goes into this air. If women may do every thing in politics but vote without being unsexed or upsetting the social order, having the suffrage would produce none of the prophesied calamities.

Surely all of the logic is with the suffragists and they will not be slow to use it. All women who care to be in politics can easily get in and nothing can stop the women folks from going the whole figure.—New York Defender.

Only One Association.

There is but one national movement in the United States for a memorial for William McKinley, to be built by popular subscription. That memorial will be erected over the grave of the late President at Canton. The work of securing subscriptions is in the hands of the McKinley National Memorial Association, with headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio. Some confusion in the public mind has resulted because there existed an organization in Washington, D. C., known as the "Washington Arch Association." Its object was to build a memorial bridge over the Potomac river. The Arch Association has ceased to solicit popular subscriptions, leaving the field to the McKinley National Memorial Association.

Of the McKinley National Memorial Association, ex-Secretary of State Judge William H. Day, of Canton, is president; United States Senator Marcus A. Hanna, vice president; Myron T. Herrick, Cleveland, Ohio, treasurer, and Ryerson Hitchie, Cleveland, Ohio, secretary. The governors of the states and territories are honorary members.

It Guides the Globe.

The fame of Bookian's Anates Nerve, as the best in the world, extends round the earth. It's the one perfect healer of Cuts, Corns, Burns, Bruises, Sores, Scalds, Bells, Ulcers, Felons, Aches, Pains and all Skin Eruptions. Only infallible Pike cure. 25¢ a box at all druggists.

OBITUARY

MISS MERRIE AGNES SHIELDS

Miss Shields, mention of whose death was made in the Press last week, died at the home of her brother, John, at Roscoe, Sullivan county, New York, January 6, of cancer of the bowels. She was born at Walker Lake, this county, November 9, 1882, and was the youngest child of the late John and Elizabeth Shields. She was a young lady of sweet and cheerful disposition and in her brief life won many warm friends who will deeply mourn her untimely departure. She is survived by seven brothers, William, Daniel, Charles and Joseph, residing in this county, Hugh and John, in Sullivan county, N. Y., and Robert of New York city.

The funeral services were held at Walker Lake school house Thursday, Jan. 9, conducted by Rev. E. S. Wolfe of Milford, who made a touching and appropriate address from Ecclesiastes 12:1. The remains were interred in Woodtown cemetery.

MRS. JULIA ANN RESER

Mrs. Reser, widow of Reuben Reser, died at the home of her son in Hainesville, N. J., January 14, aged about 83 years. She was born in Easton, Pa., her maiden name being Froy, and after marriage for some time lived in Monroe county and then removed to Sandyston, N. J., which place for some 40 years has been her home and where her husband died about 11 years ago. She is survived by six sons, William, Fred and Reuben of this place, Daniel, at whose home she died, and John of Sandyston, and George of Trenton, and two daughters, Maria, wife of Elias Greenbald of Waterbury, Conn., and Sarah, married and living in Scranton, Pa. The funeral was held yesterday at the house and interment in the cemetery at Montague, N. J.

MRS. MARY ANN VAN AUKEN

Mrs. Van Auker, widow of the late Joseph Van Auker of Montague, New Jersey, died suddenly at the home of her daughter near the Brick House Saturday, January 11, aged about eighty-two years. She was a daughter of John T. and Maria Middaugh Quirk and was born in Westfall township, this county. After marriage she removed to New Jersey where she has since resided. She is survived by daughters, Mrs. Francis Westfall, Rosine, wife of John Kyte, Mrs. Mary Bevans, and sons, John T. and Louis, all of Montague one brother, Charles of Westfall township, and one sister, Eleanor, of this borough. The funeral was held Tuesday conducted by Rev. T. H. McKenzie of the Reformed church, Port Jervis, and interment in Laurel Grove cemetery.

A Colonial Tea.

There will be a diversion for the delectation of both the physical and esthetic constitutions of the public in the parlors of the Presbyterian church under the above named sobriquet Thursday, Jan. 30, from 5 to 10 p. m. Refreshments will consist of chicken salad, cake, rolls and coffee.

There will be a sale of collars, handkerchiefs and neckties, and a free musical program will be given from 8 to 9. Admission to colonial room 10 cents. Proceeds for benefit of organ fund.

Souvenirs of the occasion will be given away. No one can afford to refrain coming.

Unclaimed Letters.

Last of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Jan. 15, 1902:

Mrs. Jane Parsell, Mrs. J. B. Warren, Miss Carrie M. Wilson, Miss Mae V. Holcomb, Mrs. Joseph Hunt, Mr. E. H. Baucus, Wm. P. Rockwell.

Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

Thousands Sent Into Exile.

Every year a large number of poor sufferers whose lungs are sore and racked with coughs are urged to go to another climate. But this is costly and not always sure. Don't be an exile when Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption will cure you at home. It's the most infallible medicine for Coughs, Colds, and all Throat and Lung troubles on earth. The first dose brings relief. Astonishing cures result from persistent use. Trial bottles free at all druggists. Price 50¢ and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed.

BRIEF MENTION.

One touch of rumor makes the whole world chin.

The days are growing longer but the cold is not growing stronger.

A large boarding house known as Walnut Villa in Port Jervis was burned last Saturday evening.

E. E. Wolf has moved his portable mill from Dark Swamp to town and will haul his logs down to cut them up.

We are in receipt of a handy railway map of Pennsylvania from Major Isaac B. Brown, deputy secretary of internal affairs.

Boring for oil has been commenced in the Wyoming Valley and there is considerable interest manifested by land owners over the result.

Elijah B., a brother of Miss Jennie Piro of this place, died at his home in Caddellville last Sunday afternoon aged about 37 years.

John Wammaker is a liberal advertiser and pays over \$1,000 a day for advertising his Philadelphia store. He uses a page in five different local papers.

Henry C. Cunningham, one of the oldest merchants in Port Jervis, died at his home in that village Monday, January 13, aged about seventy-four years.

The meetings for the election of directors for the several railroads having their terminals here, advertised for last Saturday, were for some reason postponed.

Hon. J. B. Foraker has been re-elected senator from Ohio, Arthur P. Gorman from Maryland, and James B. McCreary from Kentucky. New Jersey has not made an election.

A small company assembled at the Homestead Monday night to congratulate A. D. Brown on the arrival of another birthday and to wish him many recurrences of the event.

An Englishman, in conversation with Mr. Lincoln, said: "Why, no gentleman in England blacks his own boots, you know." "Pshaw!" replied Lincoln, "whose boots do they black?"

The county auditors this year finished their work in the unusually short space of six days. This quick result may perhaps be largely attributed to the efficiency of their clerk, Geo. R. Bull, Esq.

The R. W. G. M. of New York has sent out circulars informing Masonic lodges that clandestine lodges are being organized and warning members to carefully examine all strangers claiming to be Masons.

A bottle thrown in the Mackinac river in Illinois in 1900 was recently found on the coast of California. It had made the journey of over ten thousand miles without mishap and the letter it contained was perfectly dry and legible.

It is expected that the Blooming Grove Park case will be argued at Scranton next Monday before the Superior court. Ex-Judge Willard will probably argue the case for Hazen and Ex-Attorney General Kirkpatrick for the association.

Hon. Jacob Klaer has bought a gas engine to furnish power for his spoke mill, the inclement weather making it impossible to replace the trunk which conveyed water to his factory and which was swept away by the flood in December.

Dr. Alexander Hadden of New York, president of the Forest Lake association in this county, is contemplating a visit to the Pacific coast in the near future. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Hadden, for the benefit of whose health the trip will be undertaken.

Compromise in matters of principle is always a failure. The policy runs away with the principle, and we find ourselves in the position of a negro who was fishing on the coast of Florida, when a tarpon caught hold of his hook and pulled him overboard. He came to the surface and spluttered out: "What I can't know, is dia nigger a fish-in", or is dia fish a niggerin."—Rev. Henry Van Dyke.

The J. W. Pepper Piano Music Magazine, published at 8th and Locust streets, Philadelphia, is one of the newest magazines in its field. Nobody can complain of not getting the worth of their money, as it publishes 21 pieces—10 vocal and 11 instrumental—making 64 pages of the best music and all of it original and written by the most popular composers of today. Price \$1.00 per year.

Juries for March Term.

Those drawn to serve as jurors for the March courts are:

- #### GRAND JURORS.
- Angie, Irving, Delaware.
 - Adams, R. B., Greene.
 - Branning, J. C., Lackawaxen.
 - Cass, Judson C., Lackawaxen.
 - Dodan, Joseph, Lackawaxen.
 - Dupuy, James M., Lehman.
 - Daumann, John H., Milford Twp.
 - Findlay, Robert, Milford Boro.
 - Gilpin, Edward, Greene.
 - Griffin, Wesley, Lackawaxen.
 - Hoidenthal, Rockwell, Westfall.
 - Hogan, Thomas, Lackawaxen.
 - Haser, Frederick, Greene.
 - Kleinert, Henry, Lackawaxen.
 - Kilham, Alfred K., Palmyra.
 - Lord, Elinson, Blooming Grove.
 - Masker, Henry, Palmyra.
 - Marvin, Charles, Westfall.
 - Mager, Peter, Westfall.
 - Shields, Emile, Shohola.
 - Schoepp, William, Lehman.
 - Totten, B. C., Westfall.
 - Weinrobin, Edward, Greene.
 - Ward, John, Lehman.

- #### TRAVESSE JURORS.
- Afford, Fred, Palmyra.
 - Brodhead, Hugh O., Delaware.
 - Brisco, Harry L., Delaware.
 - Chol, Warren F., Milford Boro.
 - Calkins, E. H., Lackawaxen.
 - Cook, John H., Lehman.
 - Caskey, Leiforge, Westfall.
 - Delling, Harman, Blooming Grove.
 - Dubois, Joseph A., Dingman.
 - Danley, Richard, Westfall.
 - Durant, B. F., Westfall.
 - DeGroat, Dennis, Blooming Grove.
 - Eberhardt, Jacob, Bl'g Grove.
 - Frick, George L., Greene.
 - Frank, August, Blooming Grove.
 - Gabrke, Frank, Blooming Grove.
 - Grant, John, Palmyra.
 - Hess, John J., Shohola.
 - Hendershot, Abram, Westfall.
 - Hess, George, Shohola.
 - Hazon, Edward R., Bl'g Grove.
 - Hess, Peter G., Shohola.
 - Hotalen, James, Dingman.
 - Hale, Wendel P., Lackawaxen.
 - Kyte, Benjamin, Milford Boro.
 - Krans, Fred, Westfall.
 - Kirkpatrick, John B., Dingman.
 - McKittick, Thomas, Shohola.
 - Malone, Edward, Lackawaxen.
 - McCarty, Henry, Milford Twp.
 - Middaugh, L. J., Shohola.
 - Middaugh, Daniel H., Delaware.
 - Nyes, M. C., Lehman.
 - Peters, Harry, Lehman.
 - Philman, John A., Westfall.
 - Quest, John, Lehman.
 - Reidy, Michael, Greene.
 - Scholl, John H., Greene.
 - Sawyer, William, Westfall.
 - Simon, Charles J., Greene.
 - Simpson, John, Lackawaxen.
 - Selig, George, Greene.
 - Sweeniser, William, Greene.
 - Simons, Leonard, Palmyra.
 - Van Horn, Daniel, Delaware.
 - Whittaker, Romata, Lehman.
 - Wallace, John C., Milford Boro.
 - Wolf, Charles, Greene.

Woman Suffrage Where It Has Been Tried.

Not long ago the editor of the Christian Endeavor World wrote to twenty-five ministers of different denominations in the enfranchised states, choosing their names at random, and asking them whether equal suffrage was working well, fairly well, or badly. One of the twenty-five answered that it worked badly and three that it worked fairly well, while the twenty-one others were positive and enthusiastic in saying that it worked well. This is about the average ratio of opinions in the suffrage states among people of the better sort.

Origin of Species.

The origin of species is placed in a new light by the recent remarkable work of Prof. Hugo de Vries of Amsterdam. This botanist has been the first investigator to watch the formation and developments of new species, and in his observations the forms produced have been a result of sudden change and never of progressive variation. The "single variations" among cultivated plants suggested looking for the same phenomenon in wild flowers. Of 100 species studied, the only one showing change was *Enothera Lamarckiana*, one of the American evening primroses, and of 50,000 descendants of this plant produced in ten years about 800 have been so altered spontaneously that they are regarded as forming seven new species. These species are mostly very constant, the characteristics of the parent being reproduced in successive generations.

Balances in Treasury.

The report of the county auditors filed shows the following balances in the hands of G. Frank Rowland, treasurer:

County funds	\$5191.82
Indebtedness moneys	719.22
Poor money	357.62
School money	621.40
Road money	745.48
Shawp fund	654.29
Redemption money	216.64

The amounts received by the commissioners last year were:

W. F. Beck, services, etc.	\$490.75
H. S. Albright	471.55
P. M. Nills	491.20

Imitation Fountains.

The imitation electric fountains of M. Trouve consist of streams of glass beads, rice, celluloid balls, or other small objects, kept in motion by air jets from a centrifugal pump. The streams may be illuminated, giving with a great possible variety of coloring, beautiful effects for stage and home.

Hatch Society Meeting.

All members of the society, and others interested, are requested to meet at the Presbyterian church parlors Tuesday evening, Jan. 21, at 8 p. m. to make arrangements for the annual supper to be given Feb. 23rd.

FRANK B. THRELL,
Secretary.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

Rambler, like some others, is ignorant about some things but at ways willing to learn. Will some reader of the Press kindly inform him what, if any, is the difference between a member of a church and a Christian. I am not asking out of idle curiosity but for information.

Anna Schultz of New York is in town.

Ice gatherers have put in full time for the past ten days and there is now no danger of an ice famine next summer.

The time for candidates for town honors to announce themselves is at hand.

So Prince Henry, the brother of the German emperor, is going to visit the United States next month. Well, there are a good many things his highness can learn in this, the "land of the free and the home of the brave," where the people, and not a crowned head, rule.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Jacob McCarty and Miss Emma Armstrong, both well known young people of Montague. The event will take place at the home of the bride near the Brick House Feb. 5th.

The effects of the recent flood are slowly disappearing. The torn down bridges have been replaced with temporary ones and everything goes on as before. Only when the tax bills come next summer will we know the difference.

It must be a source of satisfaction to a minister to face a large audience, for instance like the one which attended the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening.

When are you going to have some sleighing? is a question often asked by young ladies.

Dr. John Kelly has been erecting an open shed for the accommodation of his customers.

The wheeling on the river road was never better than for the last week.

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